

RED WINE "Balance and energy, even elegance, are the keywords in this vintage." - **VINCUS**



Hermitage 'Ligne de Crête' 2020

98PTS [JAMESUCKLING.COM](https://www.jamesuckling.com) | What an amazing nose this Hermitage has with effusive aromas of summer flowers, including red roses, plus pomegranate and licorice. Stunning concentration, but no less remarkable elegance. However, that's the rational way to describe this wine. Actually, I just want to sink into the embrace of this extraordinary beauty. Enormously long and refined finish. A barrel selection from a two-hectare vineyard at the top of the hill of Hermitage on granite soil. Drink or hold.

95PTS [Wine Spectator](https://www.winespectator.com)



Hermitage 'Les Bessards' 2020

97PTS [JAMESUCKLING.COM](https://www.jamesuckling.com) | This giant Hermitage has remarkable meaty power, smoky mystery and inky depth. It is matched by the bold and refined structure on the wide-screen palate. The tannins slowly swell to a stunning crescendo at the fabulous finish, yet there is nothing overdone about this extraordinary wine.

96PTS [Decanter](https://www.decanter.com)



Hermitage 'Domaine des Tourettes' 2020

94PTS [JAMESUCKLING.COM](https://www.jamesuckling.com) | Dense black fruit aromas with hints of tar and leather. A bold and powerful wine with a serious tannin structure that's wrapped in ripe fruit. Long smoky and stony finish that tells you this has an excellent future ahead of it. Matured for more than 18 months in oak barrels, of which a quarter were new. Drinkable now, but best from 2025.

94PTS [Decanter](https://www.decanter.com)



Côte-Rôtie 'La Landonne' 2020

96PTS [Wine Spectator](https://www.winespectator.com) | A warm, plush style, with lots of cocoa powder-dusted fig, boysenberry and blackberry compote notes, followed by a strong charcoal spine that carries the long, smoldering finish. A terrific minerality is buried underneath the thickly layered fruit. Impressive. Best from 2015 through 2030.



Côte-Rôtie 'Seigneur De Maugiron' 2020

94PTS [Wine Spectator](https://www.winespectator.com) | This has an earthy, old-school feel, with licorice root, blackberry and cassis coursing alongside warm graphite, leather and cumin. Gains a jolt of freshness from anise and menthol accents, and there is impressive depth toward the lengthy finish. Best from 2025 through 2035.



St. Joseph 'Sainte-Épine' 2020

94PTS [Wine Spectator](https://www.winespectator.com) | Restrained and tightly focused, this has a sleek mineral edge that carries a core of gently mulled raspberry and black cherry fruit, while light violet, savory and incense hints fill in the background. Sneaky long, too. Best from 2024 through 2034.



St. Joseph 'François de Tournon' 2020

92PTS [Wine Spectator](https://www.winespectator.com) | This throws off some lovely floral and incense notes, backed by a sleek and pure core of cassis and mulberry fruit. Shows a subtle mineral underpinning through the focused finish. Drink now through 2030.



Crozes-Hermitage 'Le Clos' 2020

94PTS [JAMESUCKLING.COM](https://www.jamesuckling.com) | A big step up, the 2020 Crozes-Hermitage Le Clos comes from the Les Saviots lieu-dit and is brought up mostly in used barrels. Dense purple-hued, with a gorgeous bouquet of blackberry and blueberry fruits as well as ground pepper, crushed stone, graphite, and chocolate, you'd be excused for thinking this was a top Hermitage. Medium to full-bodied, balanced, and concentrated, it's a gorgeous Crozes that will benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age and keep for a decade.

93PTS [Wine Spectator](https://www.winespectator.com)



Crozes-Hermitage 'Domaine des Grands Chemins' 2020

92PTS [Wine Spectator](https://www.winespectator.com) | Expressive, with welcoming black cherry and plum pâte de fruit aromas and flavors, gilded with violet and anise notes. Reveals a graphite edge on the finish. Tasty. Drink now through 2027.

WHITE WINE "Unquestionably 2020 is a great vintage for the whites... the 2020s are soft, up-front, and approachable." - **JEB DUNNUCK**



Hermitage 'Domaine des Tourettes' Blanc 2020

100PTS [JEB DUNNUCK](https://www.jebdunnuck.com) | I was absolutely blown away by the 2020 Hermitage Domaine Des Tourettes Blanc, a rich, powerful expression of Marsanne (there's 10% Roussanne as well) from the L'Ermit, le Sabot, and La Tourette lieux-dits, brought up in a mix of new and used barrels. Revealing a vivid gold hue, it just about jumps out of the glass with its exotic nose of honeyed quince, acacia flowers, buttered pears, chalky minerality, spice, and licorice. The purity is off the charts, and it has full-bodied richness, a deep, plush, opulent mouthfeel, perfect balance, and a great, great finish. It's the finest vintage of this cuvée to date, and readers who love the richer, powerful style of Hermitage should do their best to snatch bottles up.



Condrieu 'Clos Boucher' 2020

95PTS [JAMESUCKLING.COM](https://www.jamesuckling.com) | A wide spectrum of exotic fruit and flower aromas pulls you into this concentrated and finely nuanced Condrieu, which has a ravishing apricot flavor on the mid-palate, then a very long finish that's simultaneously creamy and filigree. I love the touch of saltiness that lingers like an afterglow. From a 1.98 hectare plot just north of the tiny Chateau Grillet appellation. Drink or hold. A wide spectrum of exotic fruit and flower aromas pulls you into this concentrated and finely nuanced Condrieu, which has a ravishing apricot flavor on the mid-palate, then a very long finish that's simultaneously creamy and filigree. I love the touch of saltiness that lingers like an afterglow. From a 1.98 hectare plot just north of the tiny Chateau Grillet appellation. Drink or hold.



Condrieu 'La Galopine' 2020

95PTS [JAMESUCKLING.COM](https://www.jamesuckling.com) | A very typical Condrieu with expansive apricot and acacia blossom aromas. Generous and succulent with moderate acidity, but enough freshness to keep the palate lively, also thanks to a positive touch of bitterness. Mostly vinified in stainless steel with a small portion in oak casks. Drink now.